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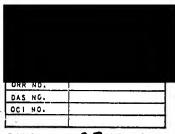
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- 1. "In suturm 53 Colonel (fru) Tomilin, representative of the organizational committee of the All-/Coviet/ Union DOSAAF, inspected the work of the DOSAAF organization in the Estonian SR. In Nov 53 a critical summary of his findings was circulated among the DOSAAF action and town organizations of the Estonian SR. His main points were the following:
  - (a) The training of the normalition of the Estonian SSR in antistracraft ar antichemical (gas) defense is highly unsatisfactory.
  - (b) The DOSAAF organizations function more or less satisfactorily only in the towns of the Estonian SSR. In the raral raions the DOSAAF organization practically exists on paper only and has not yet begun to sperate.
  - (c) The meditary training of the workers at the plants, factories and combines of the Estonian CFR is extremely slack.
  - (d) DOSAAF work is organized satisfactorily only among the urban youth. The Komsomol members in the towns participate in it 100 per cent.
  - (c) The number of available qualified and good instructors for military training and athletics is very small.
  - (f) The political education of DOGAAF members is unsatisfactory.
  - (8) The DOSAAF republican organizational committee of the Estonian SOR showed too little initiative and did too little organizational and control (checking) work during 1952-53.

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- "The circular ended with the statement that the Central Committee of the All-Union 2. DOCAAF insists that all faults and shortcomings in the work and organization of the Estonian DOSAAF be climinated during 1954.
- Chkalov Parachutist School "Starting spring 1954 the best parachutists of the aero clubs of the Estonian SER, who wish to become 'instructors of the parachute sport', may apply for admission to the Chkalov Higher Parachutist School of the Central Aere Club (Vychaia Parashiutnaia Shkola Tsentralnogo Aerskluba Imoni Chkalova) in the town of Tushino near Mossow.
- "This school trains parachute instructors for the European part of the USSR. | The course of training lasts six months. The school is organized on military lines. While studying there the students are subject to military discipline. The school is under the patronage of the staff of the commander of the airborne landing forces of the Soviet Air Force. Instruction, board and lodging at this school are free of charge to the students.
- "The school has an 'experimental purachute station' where
  - all new types of parachates ere tested, and
  - the action of parachute jumping on human organism is studied.

Several of the most prominent Soviet perachute constructors work at the above experimental personate station. They include Colonel N. Lobenov and the brathers M. and A. Doronia.

- Airfield mear Johyi
  "In 1953 the construction of a large mirfield with concrete runways 2009 meters long 6. was finished two km northwest of the town of Johvi, between the railway Johvi-Sompa and the highway Johvi-Kukruse. The cirfield has a lighting system for might Lighta
- "About 500 meters northeast of the Sompa railway station a number of underground 7. cumps for airplane fuel and various other buildings have been erected.
- 8. "As of autumn 1953 no sixforce units were permanently stationed on the above sirfield. The local inhabitants maintain that in autumn of 1953, almost daily and sometimes by night, one-motor and two-motor jet planes arrived from "MS" direction of Leningrad, landed the characteristical and left egain in the direction of Leningrad after a certain time.
- 9. "The sirfield has permanent servicing and guards commundoes."

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